

House Watch

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FINAL PASSAGE

[HB 5780](#)

(Miller)

House Bill 5780 (H-1) would amend the Michigan Strategic Fund Act (MCL 125.2011) to specify that the board of the Michigan Strategic Fund could not approve a request for assistance for a project on an economic development project, or a loan or grant under Chapter 8A—the 21st Century Jobs Program—unless the applicant agrees in writing not to knowingly hire, or contract with any business entity that knowingly hires, an individual who is not authorized under federal law to work in the United States and that the applicant will comply in good faith with the verification requirement of federal law to ensure that all employees hired by the applicant or employees of any contractors hired by the applicant are authorized to work in the U.S.

- HB 5780 was passed [RC 406: 61 yes, 43 no]
- IE was not ordered [RC 407: 60 yes, 44 no]

[HB 5781](#)

(Meisner)

House Bill 5781 (H-1) would amend the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act (MCL 125.2665), which allows the use of tax increment financing revenues to engage in cleanup and development activities at contaminated sites. It would prohibit a brownfield authority from using tax increment revenues to pay or reimburse a business entity for eligible activities on eligible properties unless the business agrees in writing that it will not knowingly hire or contract with any business entity that hires an individual who is not authorized under federal law to work in the United States and that the eligible business will comply in good faith with the verification requirement of federal law to ensure that all employees knowingly hired by the applicant or employees of any contractors knowingly hired by the applicant are authorized to work in the U.S.

- HB 5781 was passed [RC 408: 68 yes, 37 no]

HB 5782**(Meadows)**

House Bill 5782 would amend the Management and Budget Act (MCL18.1241a) so that the DMB would have to require each contract entered into for construction, alteration, repair, or rebuilding of a state building or other state property to contain a clause requiring that 100 percent of the persons working on the project and employed by the contractor and subcontractors be Michigan residents for one year before beginning work. (The current requirement is 50 percent). The percentage could be reduced or the clause omitted to the extent that residents are not available or to the extent necessary to comply with regulations attached to federal funds. (The requirement does not apply to employers who are parties to collective bargaining agreements that allow for the portability of employees on an interstate basis.)

- Amendments not supported
- HB 5782 was passed [RC 409: 62 yes, 43 no]

HB 5783**(Ebli)**

House Bill 5783 (H-1) would amend the Management and Budget Act (MCL 18.1264) to allow the DMB to debar a vendor from participating in the bidding process and from the award of contracts if the department received notice that a federal agency had found the vendor to have violated federal law as to employees performing work under the contract, or that the vendor has violated the prevailing wage in state contracts law. The DMB would have to include a contract clause requiring the contractor to allow only individuals authorized to work in the U.S. to perform services under the contract and a clause stating that the contractor will not violate prevailing wage laws, if applicable, in each contract it enters into that includes services. The contract would have to provide the following remedies for violations if a contractor or subcontractor knowingly permitted a non-authorized person to work who failed to comply in good faith: (1) the department may withhold further payments under the contract; (2) the contractor may be required to return payments already received; (3) the department could cancel the contract and hold the contractor responsible for any additional costs incurred in re-bidding the contract; and (4) the contractor could be debarred from receiving future state contracts.

- Amendments not supported
- HB 5783 was passed [RC 410: 65 yes, 40 no]

HB 5784**(Dean)**

House Bill 5784 is a complementary bill that would require that no later than February 1 of each year, the DMB must report to the board of the MSF on these contracts, with the report to contain (1) the number of Michigan residents employed in new jobs from the construction, alteration, repair, or rebuilding of a state building or other state property in the immediately preceding year; (2) the number of new jobs created from the construction, alteration, repair, or rebuilding of a state building or other state property; and (3) the specific reason for each extension or omission granted to the residency requirement.

- Amendment not supported
- HB 5784 was passed [RC 411: 71 yes, 34 no]

HB 5785**(Simpson)**

House Bill 5785 (H-1) would amend the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act (MCL 125.2695 and 2696) to require the State Administrative Board or the MSF (whichever was applicable) when designating a renaissance zone to give preference to an applicant for renaissance zone status (if all other considerations are equal) if the applicant agrees in writing to hire only residents of Michigan to operate a facility in a renaissance zone, unless the board or MSF determines the facility cannot be operated using only state residents for one or more of the following: (1) to the extent necessary to comply with federal law or regulation concerning the use of federal funds or (2) to the extent that key management personnel or individuals with special skills, who are not residents of this state, are needed.

- Amendments not supported
- HB 5785 was passed [RC 412: 69 yes, 36 no]

HB 5786**(Brown)**

House Bill 5786 (H-1) would amend the Michigan Economic Growth Authority Act (MCL 207.808 and 810) to prohibit MEGA from entering into a written agreement with an eligible business unless the eligible business states in writing that it will not hire or contract with any business entity that knowingly hires an individual who is not authorized under federal law to work in the United States and that the eligible business will comply in good faith with the verification requirement of federal law to ensure that all employees knowingly hired by the applicant or employees of any contractors hired by the applicant are authorized to work in the U.S.

- Brown substitute H-2 adopted
- Acciavitti 1A not supported
- HB 5786 was passed [RC 413: 70 yes, 34 no]

HB 5787**(Corriveau)**

House Bill 5787 (H-3) would amend the Michigan Business Tax Act (MCL 208.1435) to require the Michigan Historical Center to give preference to an applicant for an historic preservation credit if the applicant agrees in writing to hire only residents of Michigan to assist in the rehabilitation of a historic resource, unless the Center determines that it cannot be completed using only state residents for one or more of the following: (1) to the extent necessary to comply with federal law or regulation concerning the use of federal funds or (2) to the extent that key management personnel or individuals with special skills, who are not residents of this state, are needed.

- Amendment not supported
- HB 5787 was passed [RC 414: 72 yes, 33 no]

HB 5788**(LeBlanc)**

House Bill 5788 (H-1) would amend the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (MCL 125.2788) to prohibit a local unit of government from approving an application for an obsolete property exemption certificate (for a property tax abatement) unless the applicant promises in writing not to knowingly hire or contract with any business entity that knowingly hires an individual who is not authorized under federal law to work in the U.S. and promises that the eligible business will comply with federal verification requirements to ensure that all employees are authorized to work in the U.S.

- Amendment not supported
- HB 5788 was passed [RC 415: 68 yes, 37 no]

HB 5789**(Constan)**

House Bill 5789 (H-1) would amend the Industrial Development Revenue Bond Act (MCL 125.1255a) to prohibit a municipality from issuing bonds to construct, improve, or finance improvements to industrial buildings unless the applicant agrees in writing not to knowingly hire or contract with any business entity that knowingly hires an individual who is not authorized under federal law to work in the U.S. and promises that the eligible business will comply with federal verification requirements to ensure that all employees are authorized to work in the U.S.

- Amendment not supported
- HB 5789 was passed [RC 416: 70 yes, 35 no]

HB 5790**(Scott)**

House Bill 5790 (H-1) would amend the Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts Act, commonly referred to as PA 198, (MCL 207.554) so that a local governmental unit could not approve an application for an industrial facilities exemption certificate (a PA 198 certificate for a property tax abatement) unless the applicant promises in writing not to knowingly hire or contract with any business entity that knowingly hires an individual who is not authorized under federal law to work in the U.S. and promises that the eligible business will comply with federal verification requirements to ensure that all employees are authorized to work in the U.S.

- Amendment not supported
- HB 5790 was passed [RC 417: 70 yes, 35 no]

HB 5791**(Donigan)**

House Bill 5791 (H-1) would amend the Transportation Economic Development Fund Law, PA 231 of 1987, (MCL 247.913) to prohibit the use of any proceeds from the Fund for a project unless the applicant agrees in writing not to knowingly hire or contract with any business entity that knowingly hires an individual who is not authorized under federal law to work in the U.S. and promises that the eligible business will comply in good faith with applicable federal

verification requirements. Proceeds from the Fund could also not be used on a project unless the applicant promises in writing not to violate the prevailing-wage-on-state-projects requirements of Public Act 166 of 1965.

- Miller-1 adopted
- Acciavitti-2 not supported
- R. Jones-3 not supported
- HB 5791 was passed [RC 418: 70 yes, 35 no]

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

HR 268

(Sak)

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to enact legislation to reform the No Child Left Behind Act.

- Moolenaar substitute H-2 not adopted
- HR 264 was adopted